

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A non-volatile memory array has word lines coupled to floating gates, the floating gates having an upper portion that is adapted to provide increased surface area, and thereby, to provide increased coupling to the word lines. Shielding between floating gates is also provided. A~~
method of forming an array of non-volatile memory cells includes forming a plurality of floating gate structures and shaping the plurality of floating gate structures to reduce the width of upper parts of floating gate structures. A first process forms floating gates by etching an upper portion of a polysilicon structure with masking elements in place to shape the floating gate. A second process etches recesses and protrusions in a polysilicon structure prior to etching the structure to form individual floating gates.